U.S. Officials Invited Before Crime Probe

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Two local U.S. Justice Department officials were invited to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury this afternoon in its continuing probe of reports of organized crime in the area.

United States Attorney Louis C. LaCour and Robert E. Rightmyer, head of the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were asked to testify in the probe, said Assistant Dist. Atty. William Alford.

Rightmyer this morning declined to say whether he would appear. LaCour was not immediately available for comment.

The two were among several persons requested to testify before the jury in its organized crime probe.

Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans, appeared earlier this month after Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office assured him it would not seek to force him to reveal names of confidential informants.

Ross T. Scaccia, a former assistant DA and assistant U.S. attorney, appeared before the jury July 17.

Other jury witnesses have included Dave Kent of the New Orleans Police Department's intelligence division, and Wallace Moll, chief of the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division.